

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 2, line 23 and ending on page 3, line 1, with the following paragraph:

Integration of Java applications with EIS may be accomplished through the use of J2C. The Web Services Description Language (WSDL), with its extensions, allows the description of many different kinds of services: Web services, Java services, Enterprise Java Bean (EJB) services, Java Message Service (JMS) services, J2C services, etc. The Web Services Invocation Framework (WSIF—see <http://ws.apache.org/wsif>) provides a common way of invoking each of these services. The WSIF supports a simple Java™ API for invoking Web services. Use of the WSIF API allows clients to invoke services focusing on an abstract service description, that is, the portion of WSDL that covers port types, operations and message exchanges without referring to real protocols.